

## FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

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Amended Mid Year Report (1/1/99-6/30/99), dated 2/1/00

Dear Mr. Platt:

This letter is prompted by the Commission's preliminary review of the report(s) referenced above. The review raised questions concerning certain information contained in the report(s). An itemization follows:

-Line 18 of the Detailed Summary Page of your report discloses a total of \$244,826 in transfers from your non-federal account for joint activity. The sum of the entries itemized on Schedule H3 of your Mid Year Report, however, indicates the total to be \$171,826. Please amend your report to clarify the discrepancy.

Itemized disbursements must include a brief statement or description of why the disbursements were made. Please amend Schedule H4 of your report to clarify the following description(s): Contract Work and Contract Services. For further guidance regarding acceptable purposes of disbursements, please refer to 11 CFR §104.3(b)(3).

-Schedule H4 discloses a disbursement(s) which is categorized as a fundraising expense(s); however, a Schedule H2 has not been filed to disclose the allocation ratio. All committees are required to allocate the direct costs of each fundraising event in which the committee collects both federal and non-federal funds. The costs are allocated according to the funds received ratio and reported on Schedule H2. 11 CFR §§106.5(f) and 106.6(d). Please file a Schedule H2 to disclose the ratio for the fundraising

event(s).

-Your EVENT YEAR-TO-DATE calculations for Administrative/Voter Drive on pages 60 and 61 of Schedule H4 are incorrect. EVENT YEAR-TO-DATE totals for administrative and voter drive costs are derived by aggregating all disbursements during the calendar year for the whole Administrative/Voter Drive category. EVENT YEAR-TO-DATE totals for fundraising, direct candidate support, and exempt activities are derived by aggregating all disbursements during the calendar year within a specific event. These should be calculated by adding the latest disbursement for a category or event to the previous EVENT YEAR-TO-DATE total for that category or event. This running EVENT YEAR-TO-DATE total should be disclosed after each disbursement is listed. Please amend your report by providing the correct EVENT YEAR-TO-DATE totals.

A written response or an amendment to your original report(s) correcting the above problem(s) should be filed with the Federal Election Commission within fifteen (15) days of the date of this letter. If you need assistance, please feel free to contact me on our toll-free number, (800) 424-9530 (at the prompt press 1, then press 2 to reach the Reports Analysis Division). My local number is (202) 694-1130.

Sincerely,

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